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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-10 are amended and claim 5 is canceled herein. No new matter is added.

In the Office Action, Figure 3 of the drawings was objected to because reference number 42 is not discussed in the written description. Figure 3 has been amended to remove reference number 42. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 5 into claim 1 and amended the claims to attend to other formal matters without otherwise narrowing their scope.

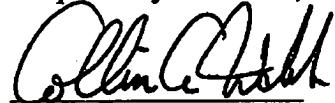
Also, claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,193,630 (Janasek et al.). Claims 2, 4, 8 and 10 were rejected as being obvious over Janasek et al. alone. The rejections respectfully are traversed in light of the claim amendments.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the extension-of-time fee, or any other necessary fees, to Deposit Account No. 14-0780.

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